

# Education and Workforce Development Cabinet Office for the Blind seeks public input

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FRANKFORT, Ky. — The Kentucky Office for the Blind (OFB) in the Department for Workforce Investment is seeking public input on the service needs of Kentuckians with visual disabilities.

OFB is required to conduct a statewide comprehensive needs assessment every three years for the Rehabilitation Services Administration in Washington, D.C. Results of the survey will be used to assess the greatest employment, housing, adaptive equipment and educational needs of individuals who are blind and visually impaired to plan for future services.

“The more responses we receive to this survey, the more likely we will gain an accurate understanding of the greatest service needs in our state. It’s important to get the perspectives of people across the state that are blind and visually impaired,” said Beth Cross, executive director for OFB.

To complete an on-line survey, go to the agency’s Web site at <http://blind.ky.gov> and click the “Comprehensive Statewide Needs Assessment” link. If you do not have computer access, you may call Cora McNabb toll-free at 1-800-321-6668 to complete the survey by telephone or request one by mail.

OFB provides job counseling, education, job training and assistive technology services to Kentuckians who are visually impaired so that they can have opportunities for employment and independence. The Department for Workforce Investment is an agency of the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet.

The Education and Workforce Development Cabinet coordinates learning programs from P-16, and manages and supports training and employment functions in the Department for Workforce Investment. For more information about our programs, visit [www.educationcabinet.ky.gov](http://www.educationcabinet.ky.gov) or [www.workforce.ky.gov](http://www.workforce.ky.gov).